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WASHINGTON.

President's Action on the South Carolina Murder Cases.

History of the Trial, Sentence and Final Release of the Murderers.

CONGRESS.

Nevada and Colorado Bills Passed in the Senate.

Bill Passed in the House for an Increase in the Pay of Department Clerks.

FROM EUROPE.

Later Despatches by Ocean Telegraph.

The Austrian Government Extends a General Amnesty to the Press.

Landing of the Swatara from Liverpool with Surratt on Board.

ILLINOIS LEGISLATURE.

Important Resolution Introduced in Relation to Railroads.

Resolution in Favor of the Illinois and Mississippi Ship Canal.

Constitutional Amendment to be Acted Upon To-day by Both Houses.

Passage of a Bill in Relation to the Chicago Marine Hospital.

THE STATE FAIR.

Award of Premiums by the State Agricultural Society.

Able and Interesting Mexican News.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Special Despatch to the Chicago Tribune.]

WASHINGTON, January 9.

IN THE COLORADO AND NEVADA BILLS.

The Senate has finally concluded action upon the bills admitting Colorado and Nevada into the Union, both of which pass over the veto by a good majority, by a two-thirds vote. The last question upon the Nevada bill was upon the amendments which were proposed and rejected. The bill as it now stands is the same as that passed by the House, and will become a law. It was carried by two majority, as follows:

YEAS—Messrs Anthony, Cattell, Chandler, Conness, Corbett, Cragin, Edmunds, Fessenden, Foster, Harlan, Morrill, Poland, Ramsey, Sherman, Stewart, Sumner, Van Winkle, Wade, Wilkinson, Williams, Wilson and Yates—24.

NAYS—Messrs. Buckalew, Dixon, Dixon, Doolittle, Fowler, Hendricks, Howard, Johnson, Morgan, Nesmith, Norton, Patterson, Saulsbury, Willey and Wright—19.

Mr. Johnson in these words: "This act is in effect with the fundamental and perpetual law which declares and says that there shall be no abridgment or limitation of the exercise of the elective franchise or any right to be exercised or office or color, excepting Indians, not taxed in this bill, after the adoption of this constitution by the people of the State."

VOTE ON THE NEVADA BILL.

The vote upon the Nevada bill was taken by yeas and nays, and resulted as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Anthony, Cattell, Chandler, Conness, Corbett, Cragin, Edmunds, Fessenden, Foster, Harlan, Howard, Kirkwood, Lane, Morrill, Pomeroy, Ramsey, Sherman, Stewart, Sumner, Van Winkle, Wade, Willey and Williams—24.

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THE COLORADO BILL

was taken up and passed, with the same vote, by a vote of 24 to 12. Both bills were then signed by the presiding officer, and will be sent through to-morrow. The unanimous vote in the Senate was large to-day. Some of the bills have been passed by a vote of 30 to 6, but it is not necessary that all are present they can carry the necessary two-thirds vote, but this is by no means certain.

ARKANSAS AFFAIRS.

Ord has just made a report upon the condition of affairs in Arkansas. He sums up as follows: Outrages, assaults and murder on the persons of freedmen and loyal citizens are of frequent occurrence in all parts of the state, and a decided want of energy to punish offenders apparently exists on the part of the civil officers. Since the date of my last report [two months ago] there have been reported fifty-two cases of murder and manslaughter, of which number forty-three are known to have been committed since the 1st of November, when Captain Howard, superintending at Fort Dodge, was relieved by General Townsend, of the War Department, that he has been pursued with a writ of habeas corpus in favor of the first man, which is now pending before Judge Mills. He adds that these men are the men to whose case General Sickles ordered his attention in Charleston, and that he has referred the matter to the Attorney General, by order of the Secretary of War, and directs Captain Howard to confer with the District Attorney in regard to it. He has received instructions from the Attorney General in relation to the writ, and proposes to enforce the proper return. He says that to-day the District Attorney asked General Townsend for authority whether that these men were rightfully tried before a Military Commission. On the 16th, Judge Advocate General Holt replied at some length, citing the law for the course pursued by the Attorney, and concluding by saying: "It is held that the statutes of war continued in force during the rebellion, and, consequently, that where mere property under military jurisdiction is still secure when plundered by competent tribunal, such tribunal thereupon has jurisdiction." The record closes with a letter from Captain Howard, under date of November 21, 1866, in which he says that practices were that day discharged from custody on the writ of habeas corpus issued by Judge Hall, illegally; enough, as it appears, for the return of the District Attorney to the writ is not given, and they are therefore instituted. Attorney General furnished. It is probable that another effort will be made to get them and to give other important documents bearing upon the matter.

REVENUE RECEIPTS.

The officers of the Internal Revenue Service are daily making seizures of stills—as at one the country for illicit distillation. Commissioner Rollins is determined to enforce the laws and to date business, the result of which is that many fraudulent cases are coming to light, and large sum of money is saved to the Government.

A NEW SOUTH BILL.

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THE RESIGNED APPOINTMENTS.

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CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS.

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SENATE.

Sundry memorials and petitions of minor importance were presented and referred.

Mr. HOWARD presented the claims of the New England Emigrant Aid Society for $6,500 for services rendered in Kansas during the rebellion.

Mr. LANE presented a bill from the Pension Committee, granting pensions to the widows of deceased Union soldiers in East Tennessee, who were murdered by Confederates during the war.

Mr. HENDRICKS introduced a bill to prevent the pension of any person burning a bridge near Knoxville, Tennessee, on any date from November, 1861; also to prevent the pension of any person who refuses to receive Confederate money.

Mr. MORRILL, from the Committee on the Public Lands, reported back the bill granting to the Territories of Nebraska, Colorado and Nevada grants of land for agricultural colleges, and moved its indefinite postponement. The motion was agreed to.

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Mr. WADE moved to strike out all after the enacting clause of the bill to admit the State of Nebraska into the Union, and insert a bill for the admission of Colorado. He said he did not intend to press the matter, but did wish to put on record his opinion that the Senate had not the power to admit Nebraska under the present circumstances. Ex-Congressman Bonham, of South Carolina, was a leading member of those constituting the Convention. Another South Carolinian was also a member of the Convention, and the President could not do less than give them a trial in the civil courts. Another South Carolinian was also a member of the Convention, and the President could not do less than give them a trial in the civil courts. Another South Carolinian was also a member of the Convention, and the President could not do less than give them a trial in the civil courts.

Mr. WILLIAMS suggested that the language of the bill limited and confined the right to vote to persons in the Territories. This would be a dangerous precedent.

On motion of Mr. LANE the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE.

Mr. KASSON introduced a resolution to restore the jurisdiction of the Kansas and Indian Claims Committee.

A resolution was agreed to requesting the Secretary of War to inform the House whether any modification is necessary in the Act of 1862, of the Territory of Colorado, and if so, what; also, ratified June, 1866,

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DAILY, TRI-WEEKLY AND WEEKLY.

OFFICE, No. 97 CLARK ST.

THE PUBLIC HEALTH.

Metropolitan Board of Health for Chicago.

Proposed Appointment of Fire Commissioners.

Tax Powers and Duties.

Meeting at the Mayor's Office To-day.

Sanitary Condition of Chicago.

Statistics of Marriage Births and Deaths.

Functions of Coroners of South Side.

Statistics of Births and Deaths for the City.

The Metropolitan Board of Health for Cook County and the City of Chicago, which was created by the Legislature at its last session, held its first meeting yesterday afternoon at the office of the Mayor of the City. There were present Dr. Wm. H. Byford, President; Dr. Wm. H. Rauch, Secretary; Dr. Wm. H. Pratt, Dr. Wm. H. Ranney, Dr. Wm. H. Ranney, Dr. Wm. H. Ranney

ENGLAND.

The Queen of England has purchased from the Duke of Buccleuch the estate of Bothwell Castle, in Lanarkshire, for the sum of £90,000.

JACK FROST SILVER-PLATES ALLEGHANY.

BURNING GONZALES.

[From the New York Tribune, January 7.]

On Saturday morning last, a good deal of excitement was to be seen in the little city of Jersey, on the Hudson river, from which point the ferry-boats start for the city of New York. Every one was hurrying to the ferry-boats, and the ferry-boats were hurrying to the city of New York, and the excitement was not confined to the ferry-boats, but was to be seen in the streets, and in the houses, and in the stores, and in the shops, and in the manufactories, and in the churches, and in the theatres, and in the concert-halls, and in the gambling-houses, and in the brothels, and in the gin-mills, and in the lager-beer saloons, and in the Tombs, and in the Penitentiary, and in the Lunatic Asylum, and in the Alms-House, and in the Hospitals, and in the Quarantine, and in the Custom-House, and in the Post-Office, and in the Court-Houses, and in the Halls of Justice, and in the Governor's Room, and in the Mayor's Office, and in the Aldermen's Chamber, and in the Police Stations, and in the Station-Houses, and in the Engine-Houses, and in the Hook-and-Ladder Houses, and in the Hose-Carriage Houses, and in the Steam-Engine Houses, and in the Hook-and-Ladder Companies' Houses, 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THE CITY.

HONORS.—Any citizen who desires to show the position in favor of the city report that gun, can do so by calling at any of the newspaper offices.

SENTENCED.—The final examination of William Brown, James Hill and Michael Butts, Burnt District thieves, was concluded yesterday, and the latter two will, after all, be sent to the Penitentiary. Brown was discharged, as it was not proved that he had any hand in the robbery. Hill was sentenced to one year in the Penitentiary, and Butts to two years.

HANDSOME PRESENT.—We notice by Mr. S. C.'s circular that many of our citizens will shortly speak of those pianos as very superior instruments. Mr. Dyer guarantees them for seven years. Those who may not be satisfied with him know that his guarantee is good, and that he will be prompt to call and see them.—[Com. No. 151 Randolph-st.

FIRST LEGISLATIVE ENTERTAINMENT.—This evening, commencing at 7 o'clock, the citizens of the city will lecture and entertain Hall. Some big thinking guns at Cowdery's this morning, and all ladies will be admitted who would laugh and be merry, being Cowdery's opinion that there have been altogether too much restriction in the matter of admission of ladies to the Legislative Halls of New York, and Tremont Temple, Boston.

RECEPTION.—The employees of the elevator of C. J. P. Smith & Co., on the corner of Lake and State streets, tendered Mr. W. A. Sandborn, with a splendid reception and festival of beautiful and delicate food at Cowdery's Hall, on Wednesday evening, Jan. 29. The occasion was made by Mr. D. Rose and Mr. Sandborn, and was a very pleasant affair. The presents offered were the watches which appear on our corner every day, and which are kept by Mr. P. Bros. Mr. Sandborn was presented with a handsome gold watch, and Mr. Rose with a beautiful gold chain.

FIRES DAMP.—On Tuesday morning a man was found dead in the room of Eda Osmond, Dearborn-st., directly opposite from the Court House, and two and one-half miles west of the Three-Mile House. The deceased was a native of Sweden, and had been for the last few months employed at the Court House. He was found upon the floor, with his head resting upon the bed, and his body lying partly upon the floor. Coroner Wolfe was notified, and an inquest will be held at an early hour.

THE THREE MONITORS.—A few weeks out at two o'clock this morning at 39 Gold street, which resulted in the destruction of the contents of a one-story frame tenement, owned and occupied by Patrick Dunnigan, as an umbrella manufactory. The fire was discovered by Officer Hogan, of the fire patrol stationed at the corner of Gold and Fulton, and an alarm was sent in by him at 2:40 o'clock precisely.

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THE RESCUED.—CONCERT.—The Methodist Festival of yesterday contains interesting accounts of the Rescued Brethren in their city on the afternoon and evening of the 26 inst., stating that the afternoon parade and exhibition drill drew in the Opera House in great numbers, and that the hall at the Northern Star, on the whole, was a success. Mr. Bowen, of the Star, of this city, Milwaukee, was the orator for the day. The concert in the evening was given by the Rescued from the first to the last number, and was a most enjoyable entertainment. The singing of Prof. Kathleen Harrington, and Mrs. H. Vincent, Esq., "Tramp, Tramp, the Boys are Marching," which was in turn encored, and the duet by Prof. Harrington and Mrs. Vincent, "Sweet Bye and Bye," which was encored, and the duet by Prof. Harrington and Mrs. Kathleen Harrington, "Home, Sweet Home," were all very fine. The Rescued returned home last evening.

SHARPER ON HORSES.—A man named John Grace was examined at the Police Court yesterday morning on a charge of stealing a horse and buggy from Mr. Wm. Bowman, of Lake Forest, on Monday last. It was alleged in defense that the horse was sold and bought of Grace, and that he was not guilty of stealing it. Grace was fined $50 and costs, and in default of payment was committed to the County Jail for six months. Grace was charged in various places where he had been with the same offense, and was generally considered a sharper. It was also said that Grace was fined $50 and costs, and in default committed to the jail for six months, for the same offense in Lake Forest.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS.—The following bids were opened by the Board of Public Works for the construction of a new bridge over the river at the foot of Clark street. The new bridge will be much stronger and better than the old one, and is designed for the passage of trains as well:

Lawrence Bridge Company of Pittsburgh, Pa.: $28,700, with iron floor; $27,000, with wooden floor.

Chicago Bridge and Iron Works, Chicago, Ill.: $28,000, with iron floor; $26,000, with wooden floor.

A. Trumbull & Co., Metzeker, Ill.: $24,500, with iron floor; $23,000, with wooden floor.

J. Lane Cleveland, Ohio: $23,150, all complete.

Daniel Briggs, Troy: bridge, $12,000, all complete.

Peter Smith, Troy: bridge proposal from the Troy Bridge Company, $12,000, all complete.

Mr. Lyle & Goodwin, Troy: grant to Right to construct bridge, $12,000, all complete.

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